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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Roy Lee Hood : Examiner: Pierce, Jeremy R.
Serial No.: 10/814,679 : Group Art Unit: 1771
Filed: March 31, 2004 : Attorney Docket No.: 713629.417
For: MULTI-COLOR MATS AND :
APPARATUS : Customer No.: 027128
: Confirmation No.: 8311
Last Office Action: June 24, 2005 :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 24, 2005, and within the fourth month for response thereto and upon payment of the appropriate extension fee, as noted in the accompanying Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein. This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.